

gements. From the date of the report of the committee in favor of the two principal companies mentioned in the act, the undersigned supposed the investigation into the affairs of the Maryland Canal Company might be safely suspended, and it was only because of the desire expressed by that company to introduce other evidence before the committee, that he agreed to withhold the testimony at that time in the hands of the committee, and to suspend an expression of his opinion thereon. The undersigned, therefore, differs from the majority in attributing to the resolutions of this house, the suspension of the examinations of the committee. They were suspended, in his opinion, by the former report of the committee.

He will not comment in any manner on the evidence in the hands of the committee, nor even advert to the sources whence it was derived. His object in making this statement, is to explain his view of the extent of the powers of the committee, under the orders of the house before alluded to, and of the obligation of the committee to report fully their proceedings in execution of those powers. Having set himself right in regard to these points, he concludes with the assurance, that it is indifferent to him whether the testimony now in the hands of the committee be published or suppressed. He believes he has discharged his duty to the house, and thinks the object which he has in view, will be accomplished by the adoption of the resolutions which have been reported by the majority of the committee.

All which is respectfully submitted,

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